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1. (S/D) Analysis of satellite imagery of Kirillovskoye Army Barracks West AL-1 [] in the Leningrad Military District (MD), USSR, revealed that during the past year T-72 tanks, BTR-70 armored personnel carriers (APCs; Figure 2), and SA-8 SAM transporter-erector-launchers (TELs; Figure 3) have been newly introduced at the facility. Kirillovskoye houses major elements of the 45th Guards Motorized Rifle Division (MRD) which is subordinate to the 30th Guards Army/Corp.¹ Results of preliminary analysis suggest that this new equipment may be replacing the older T-54/-55 tanks, towed antiaircraft guns, and MT-LB APCs which was previously always observed with forces in the Leningrad MD. However, the addition of more units to this facility is a possibility since extensive vehicle storage (Figure 4) and barracks construction has been observed. Kirillovskoye is 43 nautical miles southeast of the Finnish border.

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2. (S/D) [] the first indication of equipment upgrading was observed on low-resolution imagery when T-64/-72 tanks were tentatively identified just outside Kirillovskoye Army Barracks West AL-1. Identification of the tanks was confirmed [] SA-8 equipment was observed in a new parking area on the southwest end of this installation. [] BTR-70 APCs were seen in a motorized rifle regiment-sized temporary parking area along with the confirmed T-72 tanks on the northeast edge of the installation. This equipment was also observed []

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3. (S/D) Other equipment observed [] included 40 tents in the southwest corner of the installation and 45 POL tanks (not on graphic) on the ground in a new construction/excavation area approximately 500 yards south of the installation. The deployment of new equipment with the large number of the new-type quadruple-depth vehicle storage buildings (Figure 4) and the barracks observed under construction is an indication of the probable consolidation of the 45th Guards MRD at Kirillovskoye Army Barracks West AL-1.

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